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Applicant: John K. Hewitt  
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For: Apparatus And Method For Protection Against Appliance  
Leaking  
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Examiner: Previl, D.  
Attorney's Docket No.: N8097  
Customer No.: 23456

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

VIA FACSIMILE NO. (703) 872-9306

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.